

MINUTES OF SWWG MEETING JULY 2, 2021

Meeting was called to order by chair Melissa Aronson at 4:04 pm.

Members present via zoom were: Melissa Aronson, Chair, HFR; Reilly Kosinski, At Large; Ben Kirkpatrick * Takshanuk Watershed Council; and Craig Franke, CWS.

Others present were: Helen Alten, Borough; Carol Tuynman, Assembly Member; Alekka Fullerton, Borough; Andrew Letchworth, Ron Jackson, Jon Wooten

Agenda items consisted of: 1. Discussion of Beach Road Clean-up efforts 2. Centralized Collection/Transfer Station

1. Melissa questioned how the incoming flow of material from Beach Road would affect operations at CWS during days the facility is open to the public (Tues, Thurs, Sat). FEMA requires a weight ticket for each load of material delivered and, as such, there is a foreseen conflict in keeping traffic flowing over the scales. KNHS has been reporting (July 2) that clean-up will begin on Tuesday, July 6. Craig from CWS reported that he had just learned this a couple of hours prior to the start of this meeting but that the last word prior to this was sometime later in July for the clean-up to begin. Accordingly, no preparations have been made relative to July 6. Carol questioned if the landfill could remain open six days per week during the haul-in from Beach Road to help spread out and accommodate public intake of traffic. Craig replied that there is simply no way CWS can hire additional staff and/or re-shuffle the schedule with only two days prior notice to remain open the additional days. It was widely agreed that some additional communication and organization is necessary with regard to the incoming fill material.

2. Discussion of a concept for a Centralized Collection/Transfer station followed. Melissa reported that the 2017 proposal from the SWWG addressing a Central Transfer Station was not passed by the Assembly at that time. Ron Jackson suggested seeking clarification of the Assembly's most recent request for a proposal. Carol concurred that we should seek more information in order to assure we understand the scope of the Borough Assembly's request. Helen recommended that perhaps we should seek a joint committee meeting between the Borough and the SWWG to better define the nature of the Assembly request. Ron then suggested that the SWWG needs to approach the Assembly with a "Motion Ready" recommendation when the group has

developed a recommendation. Alekka clarified that it is her understanding that the Assembly was looking for some options in the proposals for solid waste management and cited some possible examples such as Bear Proof Dumpsters in neighborhoods, Transfer Stations, Expanded hours at CWS, etc. Ben suggested trying to get the assembly to commit to a budget range to help the SWWG better tailor the proposals. Melissa suggested that the group submit three or four options. Alekka reminded that any proposals involving a sales tax increase would have to be approved by the Assembly by the end of this month in order to make the ballot this fall. Melissa assured her that this won't happen in that time-frame. It was agreed that the SWWG would meet in person for a work session on Wednesday July 7 at 5:00 pm at the Assembly chambers.

The next regular meeting of the SWWG is scheduled for Friday, Aug 6 at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm

Submitted by Craig Franke